

HOWARD COUNTY ALCOHOL & DRUG ABUSE ADVISORY BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
November 16, 2016
Howard County Health Department, 8930 Stanford Blvd, Columbia, 21045

ADAAB MEMBERS/DESIGNEES: Chinwe Adetula, Tsega Amahatsion, Mark Donovan, Alicia Feliciano, Joe Gagliardi, Neil Gwinn, Kassy Hargadon-Zester, Jack Kavanagh, Cindy Johnson, Bruce McDonald, Ivan Montoya, Carol Robinson, Roe Rodgers-Bonaccorsy, Joan Webb Scornaienchi and Judge William Tucker

HEALTH DEPARTMENT STAFF: Seanté Hunt

GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE: Barbara Allen, Tom Allen and Cindy Privitera

WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS: The meeting was called to order at 5:19 P.M. by Chair Joan Webb Scornaienchi. She welcomed the board and guests.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: The November 16, 2016 Agenda was approved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The October 19, 2016 Minutes were approved.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT UPDATE: Provided by Roe

The Howard County Health Department will cease clinical services for ambulatory outpatient substance use disorder on December 31, 2016. The Health Department continues encouraging private providers to open new clinics and/or expand existing clinics. New referral sources were shared with the members.

The FY18 Program Plan and Financial Plan were discussed. The plans were shared with members via email before the meeting. Feedback was requested. The plans are due to the Behavioral Health Administration the end of February 2017.

OVERDOSE RESPONSE PROGRAM (ORP) AND OPIOID MISUSE PREVENTION PROGRAM (OMPP)

UPDATE: Provided by Seanté

ORP Update:

40 individuals received ORP Training in October. Additional training is scheduled at Way Station in November. Training dates have been scheduled at the Wellness Center at the Howard County General Hospital on a monthly starting in 2017.

The Health Department will begin dispensing naloxone through approval from the Behavioral Health Administration. 100 doses of Naloxone are in stock. Naloxone will be dispensed following the ORP training.

The Health Department and HC DrugFree are partnering with Howard Community College to present the 50 minute documentary from the FBI and DEA, "Chasing the Dragon, Life of an Opiate Addict" to their athletes, students, and faculty on December 2nd. ORP training will be provided to those who register.

OMPP Update:

Plans are underway for a providers' meeting called "Hand in Hand Against Overdoses" to discuss ways to combat the opioid epidemic in Howard County and develop action plans.

Plans are underway for another showing of "Chasing the Dragon, Life of an Opiate Addict" at the Health Department. This is an attempt at community education and awareness on opioid misuse.

Plans are underway for a showing of "Not My Child" video at the Howard County Public School System. Joan will coordinate through HC DrugFree's PTA partnerships.

The Health Department is working on a contract with Herrmann's Advertising for marketing materials to provide community education and awareness on opioid misuse and how community members can seek help.

HC DRUGFREE PREVENTION/EDUCATION/OPIOID UPDATE: Provided by Joan

At the October 22 Drug Take Back Day event held in the parking lot outside HC DrugFree's office, 718 pounds of medications were collected in four hours. That weight did not include the 13 large bins of "sharps" (needles, syringes and EpiPens).

Joan thanked Mark Donovan for facilitating the discussion at HC DrugFree's November Teen Advisory Council (TAC) meeting. Some of the teens said it was the best TAC meeting ever and they enjoyed his discussion about marijuana and alcohol.

HC DrugFree is expected to receive drug/alcohol education items valued at approximately \$10,000 from a new funder. Items include additional personal medication storage boxes; police and HC DrugFree magnets in Spanish, Korean and English; and new handouts for pharmacies to advertise the permanent medication storage boxes and HC DrugFree's *In the KNOW* opioid campaign.

Joan shared an email she received from someone unhappy about seeing the public pay for the medication (i.e., Naloxone) to save the lives of addicts.

The HC DrugFree Category guidelines for the 2017 HoCo FilmFest will soon be available on HC DrugFree's website. The topic will be "*Stressed Out? KNOW Drug Free Alternatives*" and as in the past, the films will be used as public service announcements.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

The board agreed to not meet in December.

NEW BUSINESS:

Joan Webb Scornaienchi was re-elected as Chair and Cindy Johnson was elected as Vice Chair.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Next Meeting is January 18, 2017 at 5:15 P.M. at the Howard County Health Department

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 6:43 P.M.